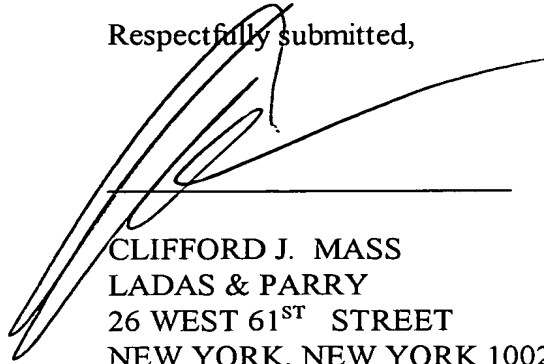


## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification by inserting, before the first line, the following paragraph:

This application is a continuation of copending application number 09/868,346 filed on December 20, 2001 which is International Application PCT/NO01/00039 filed on FEBRUARY 5, 2001 , which designated the U.S., claims the benefit thereof and incorporates the same by reference."

Respectfully submitted,

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